

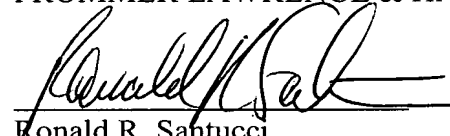
**REMARKS**

Consideration of the above amendments is respectfully requested. The above application has been amended to add the reference to the international application and its priority application. The first four full paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 4 continuing through line 9 have been amended to conform the claim number references to the new claims of the application. In addition, original claims 1-19 have been cancelled and new claims 20-35 have been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, an early examination of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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